

# Daily Eagle

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## THE CHURCH AND LOOSE DIVORCE LAWS.

The church is the greatest social factor in the world. The church is the greatest moral power and religious influence in the world. But the church from denominational dissensions is ecclesiastically weak and politically impotent. Were the church denominational united it would dominate the world, its crowns and parliaments, its presidents and congresses and all of the world's officials high and low, religious and political.

Marriage is not only a social function, but is a religious rite and a legal right. The Catholic church holds that marriage is still more than all these, that it is a sacrament. In these times of loose divorce laws one marriage out of every eight or nine is dissolved by the courts. The fact of issue, and of parental responsibility to offspring, seem to have no weight. The rule is that if a wife finds that she is dissatisfied with her husband, or that she thinks she prefers another, all she has to do is to file a petition for divorce. As for the man, if the woman he has chosen for a wife and as the mother of his children, and whom he has sworn to love and protect, concludes that she is not all that fancy painted her, or if some other woman has crossed his path whom he imagines would more fully fill the place, he straightway makes up a case and sues for a separation. So overshadowing has grown this abuse that national church assemblies, associations and conferences are taking hold of the matter. A leading idea among these church people seems to be that should the ministry refuse to marry divorced persons the abuse would be minimized. In this conclusion the church and its ministers are wrong. The man or woman who for any cause, save that of the Scriptural one, seeks and consents to the breaking up of a home and the separating of the members of his or her family, will care little whether their next marriage be a rite or sacrament, or neither. The legal sanction will prove entirely satisfactory. The church, however, being the greatest moral and social power in every community, a solid stand and a square demand upon the part of its membership for higher ideals and more stringent divorce laws, will not be without effect. The Methodist General Conference, and the Presbyterian General Assembly, both within the week past, as has the State Baptist Association, voiced a well nigh unanimous conviction of the church and its representatives, against the monstrous prostitution of the marital obligations, and the wrong entailed upon the lives of innocent children, all growing out of loosely enacted divorce laws.

## WOMAN AND THE NEWSPAPER.

The most attentive reader of the newspaper is the woman. It is an undeniable fact that for the past half century women have been given more and more to newspaper reading, and the men less and less. The latter study the markets, read in a cursory way current politics, glance at the editorial page, and scan the more exciting Associated Press dispatches. The women read all the editorials which touch their lives at any point, or which embody sentiment or high ideals, attentively, absorb carefully all the local news, and devour society gossip and social scandals. The writer of a meritorious editorial is personally commended by women twice where he is commended once by men.

The biennial convention of the General Federation of Women's Clubs was held in St. Louis Saturday. Melville E. Stone, president of the Associated Press organization, spoke of the influence of the women on newspapers. He said that not a line of scandal would be printed in an American newspaper were it not for the women. "No large metropolitan newspaper can live without the support of women," he continued. "Newspapers today are edited for women and not for men. If the women of the General Federation of Women's Clubs will set their faces against scandal, the objectionable in journalism will disappear. Women have a joint responsibility with the editors as to the class of news contained in the columns of daily newspapers."

## AS TO MACHINE-MADE PAPERS.

The Lawrence Gazette: "Who makes the Kansas City Journal and Kansas City Star? Both papers are widely read in Kansas and yet one reader in a thousand knows, or cares, who writes the things they read. Every reading Kansas knows who makes the Topeka Capital, and the Leavenworth Times and the Wichita Eagle, and the Atchison Globe and the Hutchinson News, and the Emporia Gazette; every one of these papers is branded with the individuality of the man who controls it. The Kansas City papers are machine made; they have no more individuality than a cake of soap. And Kansas has not yet become so highly civilized that her people desire to have their thoughts made by machinery. The Kansas City papers pick up the best talent of Kansas, run the young men through the wringer, squeeze out every thought and every good impulse, and every valuable idea, and throw them over. The Kansas City papers have literary graveyards where are buried the best men and the best talents of Kansas. In those threadmills are men, yet young in years, who could have made names for themselves in Kansas, who are wearing out their lives as the mule in the bottom of a dark mine wears his away. They thought it was a great thing to be a writer on a Kansas City paper; they got the job because they were bright and smart, and had ideas and could express them. Now they are mere hacks, shut away from the world, and without ambition and without hope save to earn money to live on, and earn it with work as hard as that of a hod carrier. The young man who goes from Kansas to a Kansas City paper will regret it all his life."

## KANGAROO TAILS FOR SOUP.

A writer on London markets and of what can be found in them which differs so noticeably from the things to eat offered in the American market says that while the London market like that of New York is cosmopolitan that the latter for foreign delicacies holds the lead. Of course they have mangoes from the West Indies, custard apples from Madeira, beans from France and other beautiful fruits from all over the world, but turn to another shop. Here are kangaroo tails for a new departure in soups hanging in the butchers' windows as naturally as a leg of lamb. Snails, too, are very pleasing to London palates, and still more remarkable, the Chinese taste for bird's-nest for soup is gaining headway in England. Then too, there is an interesting display of Indian dainties to be had—curries, Borneo fish in tins and the Burmese condiments called Balchaung, which is made from shrimps.

There is the roe of the gray mullet wrapped in bees-wax, smoked sturgeon, goose breasts and eels to tempt the epicure. There is the famous soy from Japan, most popular of the sauces, and cucumbers, which are small sweet oranges preserved by the Chinese. These are treated much as ginger or rose leaves. For those determined upon novelties there come rose-leaf jelly, or perhaps reindeer flesh from the north, or roast swan and the former popular roast peacock with truffle dressing. Of course, these delicacies are only for the wealthy, but, then, it never does for a poor man to be an epicure.

## A KANSAN ON IMMORTALITY.

William Allen White perpetrates a secular preachment on life and death and immortality which embodies something of both philosophy and logic and of common sense, of human experience and perception. The peroration of the sermon follows:

"When a human being has once existed, has drawn from inanimate nature the forces that make a living soul and has organized those forces into a being, a thing is created of imperishable stuff. It has no known ingredients; it cannot resolve itself into any material substance or substances. It has comprehension of all the great truths of the universe and is part of them. It is an immortal thing. And just so much of a man is immortal and imperishable as there is good in him. The bad in a man, is physical; is a thing of flesh and blood; lust, hate, greed, deceit, have their springs in physical conditions of the human body. Often in human characters these physical defects dominate the personality, so that the soul is crowded low into the sub-consciousness. Savages and criminals and vicious men, rich and poor, are thus. But when a man really lives, and lets his soul expand, blotting out wickedness, which is a form of physical evil or illness, that man's soul grows big, and when the body dies the greater part of the personality lives."

## THAT BIG HOME FOR VETERANS.

The veterans of the Soldiers' Home at Leavenworth, says the Atchison Globe of Thursday, were paid \$106,000 pension money yesterday and 238 left for their former homes, their annual custom. More will go after Memorial services Monday. They can take furloughs for as long a time as desired and always are entitled to re-admission to the Soldiers' Home. If absent any length of time they lose their cot, and on return have to take chances of sleeping in a basement or hallway if the barracks are crowded. As a rule, about one-third of the inmates are away on furlough in the summer months. The new barracks are nearly ready and next winter 300 more veterans can be given accommodations. Those applying for membership now are sure of admission. There are about a hundred volunteer soldiers of the Spanish-American war inmates of the Soldiers' Home.

## WHAT A JAP VICTORY MEANS.

The Boston Herald holds that there cannot be the least doubt that, if Japan succeeds in forcing Russia to come to terms, every one of the hundreds of millions of Asiatics will consider that he stands upon a higher plane in the world's affairs than he occupied before, and that what the Japanese have done can conceivably be performed by the other dark colored men inhabiting the great Asiatic continent. The Chinese people will be given a confidence in the possible results of defensive action on their part which will go a long way toward permitting them not only to retain such political independence as they still possess, but to regain a great deal of that which under forced treaties they have been compelled to part with.

The late lamented author and soldier, Major Henry Inman, held that the rivers, St. Peter's and St. Paul, alluded to in Coronado's diary, were the Big and Little Arkansas rivers and that the chances are that Juan de Padilla who sought for the gold of Quivera one hundred years before Plymouth Rock was discovered camped at the confluence of the above streams, the present site of the city of Wichita.

The gratuitous advertising given the St. Louis Exposition by the newspapers of the country, counts for more at the turn stiles than all the pamphlets and illustrated magazines put together. The manager of the Chicago fair treated the newspapers of the country most scandalously. St. Louis is not making that mistake. It is the special correspondents and editorial write-ups that do the business.

Missouri is becoming notorious for the decision of her judges. Her supreme court can be counted on to protect all boudlers and to fine for contempt any editor who dares criticize its findings. Now another Missouri judge has handed down a decision to the effect "that a man who is a gentleman will always pay his gambling debts un-urged."

For days the fate of the country has trembled in the balances pending the selection of a president of the Federation of Women's Clubs, at St. Louis. The veil having been finally lifted, the pressure is subsiding, and the assurance is that the dread of overpopulation has again been indefinitely postponed.

The Mikado of Japan having got so many valuable pointers on how to successfully prosecute a war, from Christian nations, is going to make Christianity his state religion. Shades of Shintoism but there is likely to be some high and lofty thinking upon the part of the aristocratic pagans of Tokio.

Bryan intimates that he would like to go to the United States senate from Nebraska. The time was not very long ago when he could have had the place for the asking but in losing the bigger chance he has probably sacrificed the later opportunity.

Topeka Herald: Congressman Murdock has done commendable work for the people of his district in securing the underflow to the surface. Given the underflow above ground and the last vestige of the Great American desert in Kansas will disappear.

King Wilhelm has sworn off and turned teetotaler, and King Edward is having his coffee brewed by a Turk. Thus do the prominent rulers of the world command the commendation and admiration of their subjects.

A big colored divine of Chicago declares that man as he originally came from the hands of his creator was black and that the white man is a bleacher. Even were this true he was not an African.

Sam Parks, the Labor Union barnacle, who died in Sing Sing, left quite a fortune, proving that while his blackmailing landed him in prison it proved a substantial life insurance for his family.

The big Methodist Conference decided that members of the church who do not pay their share toward supporting the church, may be dropped from membership. Why not?

The last fool puzzle to rival the unknown age of Ann, reads this way: "If a brick weighs seven pounds and a half a brick, how much does a brick and a half weigh?"

The chairmanship of his state convention has taught

your Unk. Jo Cannon that in governing congress prestige and usage count for more than parliamentary law.

At the age of eight years John D. Rockefeller was put to milking cows and he has persistently and successfully milked everything in sight from that day to this.

The Montreal and Toronto papers see absorption and later annexation in the tidal wave of American land buyers and settlers breaking over the Canuck border.

The Queen of Italy's promise to her people that her next baby shall be a boy is not only a case of counting the chick before it is hatched, but banking on its sex.

All the delegates at large, to the national Republican convention, from the trust-rotten and franchise-flicking state of New Jersey are millionaires.

It is announced that 100,000 women will abandon the profession of school teaching this year, to seek positions that pay more money.

What between Parkhurst, old man Dowie and the new Mormon mission, New York is having a strenuous time of it religiously speaking.

The average sentiment of the men and women of this country is if they were not American citizens they would prefer being nobody.

The coming Democratic convention at St. Louis is now designated as the national dark horse convention.

## OKLAHOMA OUTLINES.

The Democratic territorial convention will be held Wednesday of this week at Anadarko.

A coyote is being raised at Thomas by a heated muff with a mellein's food nursing bottle attachment.

The Tribune is trying to inoculate Thomas with the oil fever.

R. M. Patton brought the first load of alfalfa this spring into Hobart Wednesday. It was the fifth cutting within the last twelve months.

An Orient railroad contractor was at Thomas this past week to contract for a mile of road four miles north of that town.

A Merchants' Carnival was given at Hobart Tuesday. In the float parade, the business houses were represented solely by women.

Miss Burkholder of Hobart won the Fort Worth Telegram's Popular Young Ladies' Contest prize of two round-trip tickets to San Francisco. And now her mail is in danger of being as full of proposals as was that of Mattie Beal, No. 2.

"Hold your wheat," advises the Tonkawa News.

Dover is the scene of a postoffice scrap. From the present outlook, moreover, the unsuccessful one will have to wait until next Decoration day for his honors.

The Kingfisher Free Press prints a half tone of Henry Watterson that rivals the photography work done in World's Works.

A rough estimate from the assessors' returns places Beaver county's population around 15,000.

Liberal, Kan., Tyrone, Hooker and Guymon were connected by telephone this past week. Guymon can now talk to Beaver, but it has to use a Kansas switchboard.

C. Creel, Tonkawa's street sprinkler, while in Kansas City the other day, was robbed of \$15.

An attempt was made to burn a saloon at Moorland last Sunday night. Cotton, coal oil and a match were used.

Bill Cross was present at the Roger Mills county Democratic convention. He explained his failure to receive his own county's endorsement "to his own satisfaction at least."

A sixty-five pound catfish was caught in a stream near Tonkawa last week.

Tonkawa News: The father of Homer Doheny has received a letter from his runaway boy in which he says he has joined the regular army and is feeling well in both body and mind. It will be remembered that this youth, accompanied by a number of others, left this city some time ago to seek their fortunes. The others, however, not finding fortune to their liking, came back like the proverbial cat, but young Doheny is destined to see something of the world ere he returns, as he writes that he leaves the government barracks on Angel Island by transport, on the 25th of this month for Manila.

Kingfisher Free Press: Judging from the treatment accorded Mr. Flynn, private citizen, the people continue to regard him as a very strong factor in Oklahoma. The statement that Mr. Flynn is dead politically is given the lie wherever he goes in his capacity as a lawyer?

## KANSAS CURRENTS.

This year in Kansas threatens to give a black eye to that verse, "What is so fair as a day in June?"

The Methodists held revival services at Scott City this past week. The News' devil was in St. Louis.

Jack the Harness Hacker worked at his trade in Pratt county last week.

S. S. Roney of Winfield has sued Prof. Gleason, the horse trainer, for \$2,200 damages on account of a bite inflicted by the latter's dog. The dog is probably one of those kind "that never hurt a flea."

A brother and sister were married together at Arkansas City. Moreover, they didn't quarrel over a single present.

The Wellington High school graduating class got out its first annual this spring.

"Change your underwear," commands the Caldwell News. The News has evidently become the organ of the doctors and undertakers.

The other night at Leavenworth during the commencement exercises the doors of the gallery were locked. There was no fire, nor a panic, but several people are said to be prostrated by the thought of what might have happened.

The sweet girl graduate has gone but then here comes the good old summer maiden on a camping expedition.

Cooper Jackson, who is working on the Mexican Herald, was brought into court recently for printing an alleged libelous statement given him in an interview. Maybe Cooper forgot that he wasn't interviewing Dumont Smith.

And now Tom McNeal is defending Carrie Nation. He says that she is not crazy.

A false report got out to the effect that Caldwell is to have two new flour mills. And, notwithstanding, Barney Kelley is in the pulpit, Caldwell isn't getting out any special editions to deny the report.

W. J. Black has sent out letters to the different commercial clubs thanking them for the cordial welcome given the Santa Fe vice president and officials.

Washington, D. C., May 16, 1904. Tribune, Chicago, Ill.: I have received the following telegram from you:

Chicago, May 12, 1904. "Eugene Ware, Pension Commissioner, Washington, D. C.: 'Won't Irongill please write for the Tribune a poem on the resignation of Pension Commissioner Ware and the troubles of the pension department?'"

1. The public looks with unfavor on the act of the newspapers who hand in my resignation every day. I insist that I shall not be resigned officer than once a week.

2. Your allusions to my youthful indiscretions under guise of asking for a poem are treated with impertinent silence.

3. There are no troubles in the pension bureau. It is a fountain of pellucid, squirrely joy.

4. I shall stay in the pension office until pardoned out of it. Yours, E. F. WARE.

## KANSAS HISTORY REVEALS THAT

IN 1833, SIXTY-NINE YEARS AGO TODAY: Colonel Henry Dodge left Leavenworth on an expedition to the Rocky Mountains. He followed the west bank of the Missouri nearly to the mouth of the Platte, traced the source, went south to the headwaters of the Arkansas, and returned through that valley. In other words, he marked the line of the railroad from Leavenworth and Atchison to a place near Omaha, to the Union Pacific west, followed the Colorado railroad to Pueblo and came home by the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe line. Fort Dodge is on the return trail.

IN 1854, FIFTY YEARS AGO TOMORROW: President Pierce signed the Kansas-Nebraska bill. The Kaskaskias, Peorias, Plankscaws and Weas ceded to the United States the land given in October, 1832, excepting 150 acres for each soul in said tribes.

IN 1859, FORTY-FIVE YEARS AGO TOMORROW: Samuel N. Wood started the Freeer, at Cottonwood Falls. In October it was removed to Council Grove and there published for about three years.

IN 1869, THIRTY-FIVE YEARS AGO TODAY: The Indians were on the war path on the Saline and on the thirtieth thirteen persons were killed and wounded.

IN 1874, THIRTY YEARS AGO TODAY: A book had been published with this title: "The Trinity. By F. M. Burris, A. M., member of the South Kansas Conference. With an Introduction by Prof. Joseph Haven, D. D., LL. D., Chicago; S. C. Griggs & Co., 1874."

IN 1884, TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY: The Santa Fe officials and railroad commissioners held a meeting at Topeka and freight rates were lowered.

IN 1884, TEN YEARS AGO TODAY: W. V. Powell of Wichita was elected chief telegrapher of the order of Railway Telegraphers at their meeting at Denver.

IN 1888, FIVE YEARS AGO TODAY: The Trans-Mississippi Congress opened at Wichita.

## THE PIKERS' LAMENT

"Solitude, though silent as light, is like light, the mightiest of agencies. It is in occasional moments of solitude that all which is best and holiest in the nature of man has its triumphs."—De Quincy.

AN OLD CODGER'S COGNITIONS. In the "Faces" will be turned loose on history this spring.

A man who is away down in slang and uses it before women should be excluded from society. It takes courage to live, and especially does it take courage to enjoy living.

The tendency of the day is for middle men to become the head man, and this is often a graft. Worry is a destroyer of ambition and shoptones.

When women meet they always talk about other women. Men about themselves. Always have a high standard of life, even if you do not attain it. It advances you in dignity, manhood and grace.

Selfishness should be curbed and benevolence cultured. The former brings unhappiness; the latter satisfaction. The chemical effect of the sun deepens the tints of the red rose. The synthesis of this is not what makes the bloom of the red, red nose.

"There are wonderful things we are going to do. Some other day; And harbors we hope to drift into. Some other day; With folded hands, the ones that trail. We watch and wait for a favorite gale To fill the folds of an idle sail. Some other day."

There is something decidedly wrong about that general federation of women's clubs. It elected officers and only one Kansas woman was mentioned. Talk about roasting women's clubs, who can reflect more severely upon them than they did upon themselves by so nearly ignoring the sun-flowers.

The Federation of Women's club won't tolerate secret societies in its membership. This doesn't mean that a Rebekah, an Eastern Star member, or a Royal Neighbor cannot belong to a woman's club, but that a secret society cannot be represented as such in the federation. The principle involved probably is that no club woman can tolerate or endure to have perplexing secrets about the house.

THE H. K. SKIRT CLUTCH. (Copyright uncalled for.) Tune, "Hot Time in the Old Town." Come down town, and walk with me tonight. See the hoochy-hoochy skirt clutch, it is a fright, my baby. All are out on a Saturday night. See the hoochy-hoochy skirt clutch, tonight. —NEMESIS.

A Topeka paper is offering a prize on a corn contest to boys and girls. This should be discouraged. It is bad enough to have come at an adult age, and when a fellow cannot help it.

When does one, plus one, equal two?—At the altar. It is said that the Indian mother names her babe after the first object that greets her eyes, after the child is born. What a lot of little "Rain."

ANCIENT TATTLE. Hegesias, a philosopher, presented the results of evil in such vivid colors, that many who heard him, became so conscious of their guilt, and so horrified at it, killed themselves. Ptolemy, the king, forbade him to preach.

MODERN VERSION. Hegesias, a modern orator, depleted sin so faithfully and brought home guilt to his hearers so convincingly, that the mob, angry at the insults, arose and lynched the orator. The coroner's jury declared that the best citizen did it and no prosecution followed.

## TRIBUNAL OF THE PUBLIC PRESS

El-Joseph Raycroft, a seven years' old evangelist, in Chicago:

"What does the devil do for you? He gives you a little fun here and keeps you from thinking, but after you get to hell you'll have plenty of time to think. He won't bother about you then, because he's got you."

Andrew Carnegie, in an address delivered before the students of Edinburgh university:

"It seems to me greater than my fortune to be associated with men greater far than I, and I sometimes think this would be an appropriate epithet to place upon my tombstone."

"Here lies a man who knew how to get around him much cleverer than himself."

John D. Rockefeller, in an interview as to the causes of his success:

"It is true that the reading of the life of Anne Lawrence had a tremendous influence on my life. He was a great and good man—a very good man—and he set an example which any young man could read of and follow to the best of advantage."

Chas. E. Littlefield, representative from Maine:

"It is a fact well known throughout the length and breadth of this country that many corporations, especially large corporations, have a comparatively small basis of actual value for their existing capitalization. I do not believe in imposing a tariff that would provide for an accumulation of profits to pay dividends upon this over-capitalization, which is popularly known as 'wind and water,' and very attenuated wind and water at that."

"Again, as to the question of selling abroad for a less price than an American manufacturer actually sells at home, I wish to state here and now that I advocate a change in the tariff whenever and wherever by reason of that tariff an American manufacturer is able to sell abroad cheaper than he sells at home. On these two details of the protective tariff system I am, of course, speaking for myself alone, but I state without fear of contradiction that I do not know a good Republican who does not stand on the same ground."

W. Bourke Cockran, representative from New York:

"If the Republican party be successful a ship subsidy bill is certain to pass, and after that measure shall have become a feature of our system it is difficult to conceive any scheme which the contents of the treasury may not be used to promote or reward."

"As I pointed out in the house, the one con-

ceivable excuse for subsidy is that without it the business to be subsidized could not be carried on at a profit; that is to say, it would not be carried on at all. If it be proper to pay one man for going into a losing business, it seems difficult to realize why it would not be at least equally proper to pay another man for going into a profitable business."

"If one man is to be paid for engaging in the shipping business, which must be carried on at a loss, it is difficult to see why it would not be equally defensible to pay another man for engaging in plumbing or tailoring, which can be carried on at a profit. If the ship owners should be paid, why not the plumber be paid, why not any one be paid?"

Ex-Governor Frank S. Black, of New York: "The true significance of things must not be lost. Wars were never won except by blood. Principles were never planted except by sacrifice. Words that are written across the sky are not achieved by men willing in the shade. The secrets of the ocean and the exaltation of discovery, never came to him who only wrote his name in the puddles which follow a summer's rain."

"If politics is sometimes the scene of sober mody, she owns her degradation no more to those who have befouled her with the roughness of assault than to those who, by claiming virtues they never had, have gained her favor. A non-partisan is an unbeliever. He goes where the wind goes. He is ready to agree with those who oppose, and the first word upon his tongue is supposition. There are no mountains in his country. Everything must be brought to a dead level. All landscapes are made smooth by reducing the elevations. He removes opposition only or surrenders. No non-partisan was ever found upon a summit unless partisans had raised him there. A devotee of strong beliefs, he is destitute of great courage. His character has never aroused an admiration; his professions have never gained any confidence."

Kerr Boyce Tupper, pastor of the First Baptist church of Philadelphia, on visit to the tomb of the late President McKinley:

"Christianity is a friend and patron of literature. The first modern treatise on religious liberty was by the Baptist Leonard Baeuer. In secular literature, also, baptists have a creditable rank which will be raised in the future. Bampton lifted men's souls until they rose into brightness and beauty."